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November 2009 HIKES AND PROGRAMS –

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To provide quality programs we limit the number of participants. Program times vary. Please call 515-5367 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for times and reservations. If unable to attend a program, your cancellation is appreciated. Parents must accompany children on all programs.

*Please note that the conservation area is a Federal Fee Area & all entry or recreation fees apply.



We would like to warmly thank our volunteers for their dedicated contributions to the monthly Red Rock Canyon hikes and programs.

Visitor Center programs:

Tues. 3rd, Euro-Cultural Impacts of Red Rock Canyon: Join Ranger Jim at the Visitor Center for a 25 minute power point talk and discussion on the history of Red Rock Canyon. This program will be conducted 4-6 times from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. No sign-up is required.

Tues. 10th, Geology of Southern Nevada: Join Ranger Jim at the Visitor Center for a 30 minute power point talk and discussionon the geology of Red Rock Canyon. This program will be conducted twice an hour from 1:00pm-4:00 pm. No sign-up is required.

Mon. 16th, Introduction to Red Rock: Come join Ranger Gina for a 20 minute power point talk about the geology, plants, and wildlife at Red Rock Canyon. This power point will be on-going from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. No sign-up needed.

Tues. 17th, Night Wings: Come join Ranger Jim at the Visitor Center discuss the nocturnal primeval world of owls. This is a 30 minute power point program that will run 4 or 5 times between 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. No sign-up is required.

Sat. 21st, Geology Booth: Come join Ranger Gina at the Visitor Center and learn about the geology of Red Rock Canyon. This program is from 9:00 am-11:30 am. No sign-ups required.

Sat. 21st, Bats in Our Belfry: Go batty with Ranger Jim and learn about the mammal man has tried to emulate. This is a 20 minute program conducted twice an hour for a total of six programs from 1:00pm-4:00 pm. No sign-up is required.

Fri. 27th, Red Rock Canyon Animals: Join Bob at the Visitor Center for a display of some of the interesting animals that are found in the Red Rock Canyon Conservation Area. Living and preserved specimens will be on display and discussion from 10:00 am to Noon. No sign-up is required.

Hikes:

Mon. 2nd, Mondays at the Rock: Join Jen for a classic must-do hike at Red Rock! We will hike 6 miles along the White Rock Loop trail. This hike offers exercise, great views, and plentiful plants. Moderately strenuous.

Wed. 4th, Calico Tanks:

Trek up approximately 500 feet to the Calico Tanks in the afternoon with Claire. See why some folks call this the "stair master hike." At the top, we'll take in an incredible view of the Las Vegas valley. Limited Space. Ages 12+. Moderate.

Fri. 6th, Echo Canyon: Join Claire for this interesting 3.5 mile hike through Echo Canyon and up to Fossil Ridge. We will look for evidence of ancient sea life throughout the hike and take in the incredible views of various mountain ranges and colorful sandstone formations from the top of the ridge. Limited Space. Ages 12+. Moderate with some scrambling. **Fri. 6th, Birding with the Ranger:** Come join Ranger Jim on a fascinating excursion into the world of bird watching. Join us while we brave the ornithological primeval world of nature, and observe the real life of birds. Limited Space. Ages 15+.Easy, 1 mile.

Sat. 7th, First Creek: Come hike with Pat on this gorgeous hike where we will look for fall colors of the changing desert. We will also find out if there is water in the creek bed and the waterfall. Limited Space. Ages 10+. Moderate, 3-4 miles.

Mon. 9th, Mondays at the Rock: If you do not think there is water in the desert, you will be amazed at what we'll find at the end of the Calico Tank trail. Starting at Sandstone Quarry and through a canyon, we'll encounter some rock scrambling and an interesting perspective on Red Rock and Las Vegas. Ages 8+.Moderate, 2.5 miles with 450 ft. elevation gain.

Tues. 10th, Turtlehead: This is the signature peak in Red Rock overlooking Sandstone Quarry that requires a lot of effort to get to the intermediate saddle and to the top. Join Chris for this 5 mile trek that climbs 2,000 feet and lets you look down on Las Vegas and the surrounding areas. Strenuous.

Wed. 11th, Step Into the Past: Join Claire on a family hike through Pine Creek. We will learn all about the people who lived in the Pine Creek area long before Las Vegas came to be. Parents must accompany children. Ages 7+.Easy, 1.5 miles. Limited Space. Fri. 13th, White Rock Loop: Start Friday the 13th on a good note with Claire as we hike the White Rock Loop. This 6 mile moderate loop will be sure to offer us beautiful scenery, varying terrains, and interesting plant life. Limited Space. Ages 14+. Fri. 13th, Pine Creek—North

Fork Hike: Join Bob for a hike along the unusually lower elevation ponderosa pines. We will explore the area's geology and wildlife. We will also visit an old homestead site and then hike along the North Fork, keeping an eye out for bighorn sheep and ferns. Limited Space. Moderate, 3 miles.

Sat. 14th, Oak Creek: Join Pat on a spectacular hike to Oak Creek, which should be full of fall colors. Along the way we will be looking for any signs of water. Limited Space. Ages 10+. Moderate, 2 miles.

Mon. 16th, Mondays at the Rock: Come hike with Jen in the Fossil Ridge area, we will hike to a naturally formed cave that has 9 different levels. We will explore the caves, in search of evidence of our desert's oceanic past and how this cave came to be.

Wed. 18th, Southern Calico Hills Loop: Join Claire in the afternoon for this 2.5 mile hike to and around the base of the Calico Hills to Calico One, then back to the Visitor Center. We will see some interesting rock formations carved out of the sandstone along the way.Limited Space. Ages 10+.Moderate.

Fri. 20th, La Madre Spring: Join Claire and explore the history of those who lived in this beautiful area between the White Rock Hills and the La Madre Mountains on this 5 mile hike. We will be crossing over spring-fed water falls as we hike up to the cabin. Limited Space. Ages 16+. Moderately strenuous.

Sat. 21st, Fossil Ridge: Join Pat for a beautiful hike where we will make a loop around Fossil Ridge. We will be on the lookout for fossils and enjoy the view. Limited Space. Ages 10+.Moderate, 2.5 miles.

Mon. 23rd, Mondays at the Rock: La Madre Springs is a beautiful, uphill hike that rewards its hikers with spectacular views, continually flowing spring water and an old stone cabin. Join Jen for a Monday morning that may set a positive pace for the rest of the week. Moderate, 4-5 miles.

Tues. 24th, Red Cap: Join Chris on a hike that will start from an alternate trailhead which will offer us even more opportunities for scrambling on this 4 to 5 mile hike. This hike features some of the best terrain and scenery in the Calico Hills. We will also check out the upper natural tanks for water.

Wed. 25th, Pine Creek Canyon: Join Claire on this afternoon hike and learn about the Wilson family who lived in this scenic canyon over seventy years ago. We'll look for wildflowers as well as watch for big horn sheep and other wildlife along the ridges overlooking this 3 mile trail. Limited Space. Ages 12+. Moderate.

Mon. 30th, Mondays at the Rock: Join Jen for a strenuous hike that starts from Sandstone Quarry, and ends up at Turtlehead Peak. Along the way, we'll encounter scrambling obstacles and rocky trails. This hike takes some work, but it's all worth it once you get to the top. Ages 12+. 4 miles.

Kid programs

Fri. 6th, Let's Learn about the Antelope Ground Squirrel: Come out to Red Rock Canyon with your 2-6 year olds and join Missy for a great program all about the Antelope Ground Squirrel. Children will learn the difference between a chipmunk and an Antelope Ground Squirrel, and participate in a craft and activity. Limited Space.

Sat. 7th, Let's Go Green Together: Come out to Red Rock Canyon with your 5-10 year olds for a fun and interactive program with Missy all about the importance of recycling. Children will learn different and simple ways to save our planet with hands-on activities, a craft and so much more. Let's become earth friendly! Limited Space.

Fri. 13th, Desert Holes: Come out to Red Rock Canyon and join Missy with your 2-6 year olds for a fun and interactive program about all the different types of holes that animals make in the Mojave Desert. Children will discover how to identify what type of animal lives in certain holes and participate in a fun activity and craft. Limited Space.

Sat. 14th, Simply Spiders: Join Missy out at Red Rock Canyon with your 3-10 year olds for a fun and interactive program about spiders. Children will learn interesting facts, engage in a craft, and discover how amazing spiders really are. Limited Space.

Fri. 20th, Torts for Tots: Come out to Red Rock with your 2-6 year olds and join Missy for a fun program about the desert tortoise. Children will discover how amazing Nevada's state reptile really is.

Limited Space.

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Sat. 21st, Jr. Naturalists: Since Thanksgiving is just around the corner, join Jen and celebrate the fall character of Red Rock Canyon from its autumn colors to the cooler temperatures. We will make new discoveries through activities, stories, and a take home craft. Limited Space. Ages 2-8 year olds.

Fri. 27th, Flying High with the Birds: Join Missy out at Red Rock Canyon with your 4-10 year olds for an exciting program all about the birds of Red Rock Canyon. Children will learn interesting facts, participate in an activity, and discover how spectacular birds really are. Limited Space.

Sat. 28th, Cactus Kids: Come up to Red Rock Canyon and join Missy with your 2-10 year olds for a new program all about the different types of cactus that are in Red Rock Canyon. Children will participate in a scavenger hunt and learn how cool cacti really are. Limited Space.

Other Area Hikes and Programs

Thurs. 5th, Moapa Planting: Join the Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association Staff and help plant some native plants in the Moapa Wildlife Refuge.

Sat. 7th, Ash Meadows Road Trip: Join Aaron and Jen on this day long road trip to Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. Just past Pahrump, this oasis in the desert contains springs, streams, and life found nowhere else in the world. With the help of Refuge staff, we will see the endangered pupfish, visit two springs, take a short hike and learn about why we should protect endangered species. Limited Space.ages 12+ Moderately easy.

Sun. 8th, Corn Creek SpringWalk: Corn Creek Spring feeds three ponds at this headquarters of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. It is a major bird watching area and is prime habitat for aquatic and land plants and animals. Join Bob during the morning to observe all these creatures in a surprising setting, and learn about the history and future of the area. Easy, 1/2 mile. **Tues. 17th, Art Naturally:**Come try painting with Jen at Red Rock. Bring yourself and a love for nature as we create a masterpiece worth showingoff. This is a "no pressure" all fun art class. No experience is necessary and all supplies are included. Ages 15+. Limited Space.

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Remember to LEAVE NO TRACE®
Plan ahead and prepare
Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
Dispose of Waste Properly
Leave what you find
Minimize Campfire impact
Respect Wildlife
Be Considerate of Other Visitors
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